

Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting

February 23, 2017

7:00 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

ROLL CALL: Mr. Schlick Yes Mr. Kehm Absent Ms. Stevens Yes
 Mrs. Crea Yes Mr. Gormley Absent

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens read a Proclamation designating February 28, 2017 as "Rare Disease Day." Rare diseases as a whole affect almost thirty million Americans. On this day, millions of people across the U.S. will join the National Organization for Rare Disorders in observing this special awareness day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- CDBG Second Hearing
- February 9, 2017 Township Meeting

Motion to Approve: Schlick	Second: Stevens	Roll Call:	Schlick	<u>Yes</u>
			Kehm	<u>Absent</u>
			Stevens	<u>Yes</u>
			Crea	<u>Yes</u>
			Gormley	<u>Absent</u>

CONSENT AGENDA

A Consent Agenda includes items of business which are not controversial and do not require individual discussion. The Consent Agenda is moved, seconded, and voted upon as one item by the Governing Body.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani mentioned a correction was made to Resolution No. 2017-84.

- 2017-79 A Resolution awarding a contract to The Rodgers Group, LLC for online in-service training for the Police Department
- 2017-80 A Resolution authorizing the extension of the contract with Bishop Mechanical Services for HVAC Systems Maintenance Services
- 2017-81 A Resolution authorizing the advertising and receipt of sealed bids for the FY 2015 NJDOT Municipal Aid Road Program – Improvements to Oak Lane

- 2017-82 A Resolution authorizing the advertising and receipt of sealed bids for the FY 2016 NJDOT Municipal Aid Road Program – Improvements to Otis Bog Road
- 2017-83 A Resolution endorsing the submission of the 2017 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application to the Department of Environmental Protection
- 2017-84 A Resolution designating subordinate committees for the year 2017
- 2017-85 A Resolution appointing members to the Little Egg Harbor Township Community Advisory Board for the Year 2017
- 2017-86 A Resolution authorizing tax refunds for 125 Pine Valley Court [*\$1,131.04, refund is due to a State Tax Court Judgment*], 113 Pine Valley Court [*\$363.09, refund is due to a State Tax Court Judgment*], 117 Pine Valley Court [*\$363.09, refund is due to a State Tax Court Judgment*], 115 Pine Valley Court [*\$334.42, refund is due to a State Tax Court Judgment*], 121 Pine Valley Court [*\$342.07, refund is due to a State Tax Court Judgment*], 123 Pine Valley Court [*\$370.73, refund is due to a State Tax Court Judgment*], and 167 Willets Avenue [*\$1,190.25, refund is due to a duplicate payment made by both the property owner and the mortgage company*]

PUBLIC COMMENT – Consent Agenda Only

Motion to Open to Public: Stevens

Second: Schlick

All in Favor

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked for information on the Pine Valley Court tax refunds.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated the refunds are due to a Tax Court Judgment and he gave a brief explanation.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained if a resident is not satisfied with the results of the County Tax Board they have the right to appeal to the State Tax Court.

Committeeman Dave Schlick asked if the Pine Valley Court refunds are under the same owner.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated they are owned by the same LLC company.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked for details on the subordinate committees.

Deputy Mayor Barbara Jo Crea explained the subcommittees will work together with the administrator and members of the governing body.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked for specific information on the members.

Deputy Mayor Barbara Jo Crea gave the names listed on the resolution and referred Ms. Johnson to the Township Clerk's office for the full list.

Mr. Paul DiBalo: Asked if the township recoups the money from the tax refunds that are divided among the schools, fire companies and other entities.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained the levies are set in the beginning therefore an adjustment such as this will not get doled out. The excess paid is purely reimbursed to the entity that overpaid.

Mr. Paul DiBalo: Believes the town should be reimbursed from the entities that were paid.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained attempts have been made to create legislation to change this so the municipalities don't always bear the burden of tax refunds.

Mr. Paul DiBalo: Asked for information regarding the members of the Community Advisory Board.

Deputy Mayor Barbara Jo Crea stated the board members have been appointed and the list is available at the Township Clerks office.

Motion to Close to Public: Schlick Second: Stevens All in Favor

Committeeman Dave Schlick asked the Township Administrator to explain the resolution awarding the Rodgers Group, LLC.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained the need for the resolution and the benefits of online training for the Police Department.

Motion to Approve: Stevens Second: Schlick Roll Call:

Schlick	<u>Yes</u>
Kehm	<u>Absent</u>
Stevens	<u>Yes</u>
Crea	<u>Yes</u>
Gormley	<u>Absent</u>

BILL RESOLUTION

2017-87 A Resolution authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$707,789.04

- Current Account: \$473,677.86
- Third Party Account: \$234,111.18

Motion to Approve: Stevens Second: Schlick Roll Call:

Schlick	<u>Yes</u>
Kehm	<u>Absent</u>
Stevens	<u>Yes</u>
Crea	<u>Abstain</u>
on 17-02089, yes to balance	
Gormley	<u>Absent</u>

MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

- Raffle application for Lacey Football Foundation, Inc. for a 50/50 raffle on April 29, 2017 at Atlantis Country Club
- Raffle application for Lacey Football Foundation, Inc. for a gift raffle on April 29, 2017 at Atlantis Country Club

Motion to Approve: Stevens Second: Schlick All in Favor

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

Jim Oris reported on the NJDOT's pending approval for the portion of Otis Bog Road and Oak Lane road programs. Bids will be taken within four weeks and once awarded the project will begin late spring, early summer. Additionally we are completing the Marsh Restoration permit plan which is funded through National Fish and Wildlife Program, the grant award is in conjunction with N.J. Futures. This project is in both Tuckerton and Little Egg Harbor.

Committeeman Dave Schlick asked for an update on a dog park.

Township Engineer Jim Oris spoke about the research into the park and some previous environmental and liability concerns.

Committeeman Dave Schlick mentioned a possible site next to the community center.

Township Engineer Jim Oris stated both he and the Township Administrator will look into that site with regard to the issues that might revolve around insurance, neighboring homes and lagoons.

Committeeman Dave Schlick asked about the Holly Lake dam project.

Township Engineer Jim Oris stated the homeowners association has a DEP permit and are in the process of getting estimates and contractor bids for the repairs. He spoke about the financing of the project and liability concerns.

Committeeman Dave Schlick thanked the engineer for his efforts on the Playhouse Drive paving. Township Engineer Jim Oris gave a brief update on the progress of Playhouse Drive.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Schlick: Asked if the committee has considered the department heads giving an overall presentation of their departments at township meetings.

Crea: Mentioned how the subcommittees may play a part in bringing the information to the public.

Schlick: Discussed his work with the DART Coalition and a proposed grant which requires a resolution at the next meeting.

Crea: Stated she will look into the grant and resolution.

Schlick: Questioned the change in township attorney and the recommendation of the law firm Gilmore and Monahan.

Loesch: Explained the process of RFPs and that he did not recommend the law firm of Gilmore and Monahan.

Crea: Explained she did verbally indicate she would like to see a change in township attorney.

Schlick: Asked Township Attorney Jean Cipriani if she is part owner of Gilmore and Monahan.

Cipriani: confirmed she is a partner but not an equity partner.

Stevens: Spoke about the upcoming Sandy Recovery Workshop, the Environmental Commissions review on the Blue Bird Trail and Mr. Jon Miller and Rare Disease Day.

Crea: Invited all to the next Senior Citizen Advisory Board Meeting. Praised Donna Doherty and the entire Environmental Commission for all they do. She thanked our many volunteers for their time and effort.

Motion to Open to Public: Stevens

Second: Schlick

All in Favor

PUBLIC COMMENT – any topic

Ms. Linda Kobilnyk: Asked the committee to consider putting crosswalks in along Mathistown Road for pedestrian safety.

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained Mathistown Road is a county road and would fall under the jurisdiction of the Ocean County Engineer's office. He will look into it.

Mr. James Adams: Praised the Little Egg Harbor Police Officers. They go above and beyond their titles to make this community a better and safer place to live. He spoke about a personal experience his family recently had with a police officer.

Police Chief Rich Buzby stated he is grateful to hear the kind words expressed towards the Police Department. He spoke about the future goals of the department and getting more of the good news out to the public.

Ms. Summer Fairel: Discussed her website "Love for our Police". She personally thanked Officer Hogan and expressed her support for the police department.

Sergeant Keith Trautman: He is with the State Police Marine Unit in Atlantic City. He discussed the work he is doing along with Little Egg Harbor Township to resolve the floating dock issue in the Mystic Island area.

Mr. Charles Newmeyer: Spoke about the ordinance requiring the replacement of bulkheads in disrepair and asked if the town has plans to raise some of the roads to prevent nuisance flooding. Township Engineer Jim Oris explained we work with Public Works and the Administrator to evaluate the roads in the waterfront areas however we must be cognizant of the overall impact of the road elevation.

Mr. Charles Newmeyer: Mentioned drainage issues and flooding on Hatteras Court and South Boom Way.

Township Engineer Jim Oris stated with the governing body's approval, he will look at those roads.

Mr. William Recevuto: As one of the Principals of the new Urgent Care Now, he spoke about the positive experience he had working with the Construction and Zoning Office.

Committeeman Dave Schlick would like the governing body to consider moving the podium back to the side of the dais.

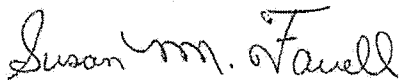
Deputy Mayor Crea agreed to discuss his request with the committee.

Motion to Close to Public: Stevens Second: Schlick All in Favor

Being no further business

Motion to Adjourn: Schlick Second: Stevens All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,



Susan M. Farrell, RMC
Deputy Township Clerk